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BOYD DECRIES CORPS' EXTENSION OF MINIMUM WATER FLOWS FROM LAKE LANIER

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida) today decried the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' decision to extend minimum water flows from Lake Lanier for months on end during spawning season.

In February, Georgia requested that the Corps reduce the releases from Lake Lanier to meet water quality standards for the Apalachicola River.

“The Corps’ decision to permit reduced water flows from Lake Lanier for months on end during spawning season is a disservice to the people of Georgia and the wildlife and fish that depend on the Apalachicola River,” Boyd said.

Wildlife and fish spawning is currently underway on the Apalachicola River. Gulf sturgeon require a stable flow of water to spawn, and the Corps’ decision to reduce flows will harm the fish and the people who depend on them.

“Instead of these ‘interim’ plans, ‘temporary’ reductions, and ‘expedited’ assessments, the Corps should have taken the time to develop a long-term plan that would protect the Apalachicola River and the people who depend on it,” Boyd said.

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